

What the Jap Girl Thinks of the American Girl's Dress

A DELICIOUS MAY DINNER

By CORNELIA C. BEDFORD.

Except for those who live on the shore and so are able to obtain thoroughly fresh oysters this item of food must be banished from our lists until early September; in its place is served the small clam—whether Little Neck or other variety depending upon location. Those who are unable to procure either bivalve may compromise with an orange cocktail, which is new and delicious.

DINNER MENU.
Little Neck Clams.
Purée of Asparagus.
Roast Lamb.
Mint Sauce.
Pickled Potatoes.
String Beans.
Cheese and Pinolles Salad.
Toasted Wafers.
Coffee Ice Cream with Strawberries.
Coffee.

Should the cocktail be preferred as a first course take for eight persons four large juicy oranges; peel carefully, removing all white skin, cut into slices, then into cubes. Mix with this an equal quantity of finely diced pineapple. Turn through lightly, sprinkling with a half cupful of sifted powdered sugar, one tablespoonful each of lemon and pineapple juice and two tablespoonfuls of finely chopped mint leaves. Divide into eight portions, heap in tall glasses and top each with a string of mint.

As asparagus is still scarce and high take one can, opening and emptying it several hours before it is to be used. Put the asparagus cut into half inch pieces in a kettle with one pint of boiling water and simmer until all can be rubbed through a fine sieve. In a separate saucepan melt and mix together two tablespoonfuls of butter, three tablespoonfuls of flour and one scant teaspoonful of salt. When bubbling add gradually three cupfuls of milk, stirring until smooth. Add more salt as needed and a good seasoning of cayenne and simmer gently for five minutes. With this serve tiny cubes or crowns of stale bread which have been sautéed golden brown in very little butter.

In selecting the roast look sharply at the lower end of the leg bone; if serrated it is lamb, if smooth it has passed the juvenile stage. While lamb may also be known by its lighter colored meat, this is not a sure sign, as the former tends to impart to the meat the rank odor which clings to the wool. Rub the meat well with salt, pepper and a little flour then arrange on the rack of the pan and place in a very hot oven; in ten minutes the heat may be somewhat reduced. Roast for fifteen minutes with the fat in the pan; if there is danger of scorching, add a few spoonfuls of hot water. Allow eighteen minutes to the pound, as lamb should be well done.

Pick over and wash a small bunch of mint, then drain and chop it very fine. Add one tablespoonful of powdered sugar and two-thirds of a cupful of weak vinegar and mix well, stirring occasionally. Serve in a small bowl or pitcher.

Scrub the potatoes thoroughly, but do not scrape. Roll them in salted water until tender when pierced with a fork, then drain and shake over the fire for a moment.

Three pints of string beans should be ample for eight persons. String them and cut fine with a sharp knife. In the saucepan put two tablespoonfuls of butter, one scant teaspoonful of salt, and one-third of a teaspoonful of white pepper. When hot turn in the washed beans, stir until the butter is evenly mixed through them, then cover closely and shake over the hottest part of the fire for five minutes. Add one-quarter cupful of hot water and draw a little to one side. Water should be added a cupful or two whenever there is danger of burning. When done—which will be in from thirty to forty minutes according to age—they should be all but dry.

Take one Philadelphia cream cheese and mash it smooth, add a spoonful of two of thick cream, so that it will not crumble. Work into it one dozen pinolles chopped fine. When pressed into a wetted mold, chill, then cut in cubes. Serve three or four squares in a nest of lettuce leaves, and after all sprinkle a French dressing. With this serve tiny toasted wafers.

Scald one pint of milk in a double

boiler, add one large tablespoonful of flour blended with a little milk, stir until very slightly thickened, then cover and cook for half an hour. Beat together three eggs and one and a half cups of sugar, turn into the cooked milk and stir until a smooth custard; then strain and set aside. When chilled add a half cupful of strong black coffee, one tablespoonful of vanilla and one pint of rich cream and freeze. When served add to each plateful a spoonful or two of ripe strawberries. The combination will be found novel and delightful.

In preparing after-dinner coffee it should be ground as finely as possible, and the pot used should be some form of enameled or glass. Allow one large tablespoonful of coffee for two-thirds of a cupful of boiling water. Send to the table boiling hot.

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When a change in the bill of fare is desired, and the thought of pies is no longer attractive, then make a change for a day or so with lemon tarts. The crisp little dainties are best when the shells are first baked, then filled, to make a good filling the following recipe is good: Mix a cupful of sugar and a heaping tablespoonful of flour or corn starch; pour on gradually a cupful of boiling water; add half cupful of finely chopped fine, and cook in a double boiler until the fruit is well done. Add a tablespoonful of butter, a little of the grated rind of one lemon, juice of same, and the yolks of two eggs. Cook until thoroughly blended. When cooled fill the tarts, cover with the steamed whites of the eggs, sprinkled with pulverized sugar and crushed almonds.

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Attractive and Easily Made Lace

Most lovers of fine needlework enjoy making the many attractive articles for household decoration that may be evolved of lace made with woven braids. Sheets, pillowcases, bedspreads, sofa pillows, bureau and sideboard scarfs, table covers, centerpieces, and dollies are all remarkably effective when made in these laces, which have the great advantage of being very quickly worked.

There are different varieties of laces that can be made of these braids, but the renaissance seems the most enduringly popular. Formerly this was somewhat coarse looking, but now there is such a wide choice of braids that exquisite effects may be obtained. Some are of close, tapelike weave, others are quite sheer and transparent, while still others have plect or puff effects. Frequently these braids are made into an all-over lace design, but quite as often they are combined with linen of different weights or even with lighter fabrics, being used either as a border or insets.

This lace work is really very easy to do. All that is required is a good pattern—and surprisingly good ones can now be obtained clearly stamped on pink or blue cambric—careful basting and a working knowledge of the different lace stitches. Really brilliant effects may be secured, by the way, with a few of the simpler stitches, such as herringbone, fagoting, twisted bars on which are worked spider webs or rosettes, and simulated drawn work made by the so-called Mexican stitch, which resembles the famous work done by Mexican women.

A very important thing in this lace work is to baste the braid so carefully to the design that it does not twist, but lies flat and smooth. All curves should be carefully rounded and points neatly turned. As a rule, full directions for making will be given with the design, or the seller will generally be glad to give advice as to what stitches to use in various parts of the pattern.

In the Bathroom

The care of the bathroom is one of the most important of the housekeeper's duties. Few women seem to realize that a daintily appointed bathroom is a necessity. Nowadays the builders of houses contrive to give the housekeeper a good foundation to work on, but some housekeepers do not seem to know how to take advantage of it.

Bathrooms nowadays are generally equipped with simple leaded glass windows or colored glass, so that curtains are unnecessary. They are also finished with nickel plate, white porcelain, tiles and enamel fixings. The housekeeper should make the care of these her daily task. She should know that nickel cracks like china if ill treated.

The floors are generally covered with tile or oilcloth, but for greater comfort a hand-woven cotton rug should be spread on the floor. A cotton rug that has become time again is not sanitary, but the cotton rug may be dried, and if of good material will even wash.

The room should be kept at a temperature of about 70 degrees F. With good ventilation, 80 or 85 degrees is really better.

Do not litter the room up with too many small things, but contrive to have as many conveniences as possible. Do not leave them about the room, but keep them in a hanging cabinet, where they can be easily gotten at when wanted. You should have such little things as bath brushes, powder, toilet water and soap, your husband's shaving necessities, complexion brushes composed of either rubber or fine bristles, and a rubber sponge.

The soap should be pure and of simple composition. A delicately scented variety may be used, but not a highly scented one. A meal bag composed of cheesecloth and about three-quarters full of bran or oatmeal, and a half cupful of pure soap shavings and a teaspoonful of orris root powder makes a delightful addition to the bath. It may be used about three times.

The bath tub should be thoroughly cleaned each time it has been used, and left immaculate and shining. The bath rug should always be hung up to dry, and the matted and soiled towels put away out of sight. All the puddles of water should be wiped away from the stands and off the floor; all signs of powder and soap suds should be removed and the window should be opened a little to ventilate the room.

The woodwork should be dusted several times a day if necessary, and the door should be polished at least once a week. The mirrors should be kept constantly shining, and everything, in short, should be looked to with the utmost diligence in order that the room may be kept as immaculate and dainty as possible.

Hairpin Holder

A pretty and useful hairpin holder is made by sewing two twelve-inch pieces of ribbon together, filling the silk slip with cotton wadding and satchel powder. On the upper side cover with coarse mesh bobbinet, and bind the edges with insertion and ruffle with lace. The pins can be inserted in the net, which holds them very nicely.

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Costume of Blue Linen



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Mint Fruit Sherbet

Place in a large mixing bowl a bunch of fresh mint, bruising the leaves, and pour upon them a quart of boiling hot thick sugar syrup; then add the juice of two lemons and the grated rind of one, the pulp of half a pineapple, and a tiny pinch of ground cinnamon; cover the contents of the bowl closely and allow it to infuse until quite cold. Have in readiness a chilled freezer, into which is strained the fruit puree, and after adjusting the cover, freeze to the consistency of soft snow; now pour in, slowly, the stiffly whipped whites of two eggs, the finely chopped mint leaves, and the strained milk of a small coconut. Continue freezing until smooth and firm. Serve in small crystal sherbet cups, covered with a dusting of minced, candied orange peel, and ornamented with tiny crystallized cherries.—The May House-keeper.

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Japanese Opinion of American Dress

Writing on the interchange of ideas and ideals between America and Japan, in the May Housekeeper, Marian Bon-sall illustrates her point by an amusing and instructive anecdote.

A Japanese girl and an American girl were having an amusing time at a Japanese home in Tokyo one evening, dressing in one another's clothes; the Japanese girl arraying herself in an American evening gown, and the American girl in a ceremonial kimono. The first instinct of the Japanese girl was to pull up the low neck of the gown and pull down the sleeves; and the American girl's impulse was to pull the kimono smoothly down her waist and hips, just exactly where it should have folded over. Then they started to assist each other, each one protecting firmly against certain pinching of the other demanded as essential to correct dressing. But even when finished there was something radically wrong with the ensemble; and the girls, after hypocritically insisting that the other looked beautiful, sat on the matting and laughed at each other.

"I feel very strange," said O-Take-San. "I feel funny," said the American girl. "I think you are very tight where we are loose," said O-Take-San again. "The idea of making your waist and the broadest part of you!" laughed the American girl.

"I feel," said O-Take-San solemnly, "as though my kimono were falling off," as she indicated the cut of her waist and the fullness of her skirt. "Do you always feel like this when you wear such dress?" she queried, as she ran away to the mirror again, gazing in a very feminine way.

When she came back to be helped out of the imprisoning hooks and eyes she gave her ultimatum on the subject of American clothes.

"I think," she said, reflectively, "that the American dress is good to have on heavy oil; but I think it not good to be cold and to be tight. And I should not like to feel stiff like a board and wear such many skirts."

Mistaken Economy

It is a waste of money to ever buy a cheap embroidery silk. Too much time and nerve force is put on even a comparatively simple piece of work to run the risk of having it ruined at the first washing. A silk that runs is an abomination, and most of the cheaper silks are liable to that defect.

Do without embroidery if you will, but never economize on the materials of which it is made. To do so shows anything but thrifty management.

Painted Gowns

Another evening gown was of white crepe de chine with a deep insertion of painted chiffon, the pink and yellow roses lightly touched with silver, giving the necessary effect of moonlight sheen, the chiffon draperies of the décolletage drawn through two large diamond half-moons, and the floating sash of frilled white tulle, also drawn through a glittering horseshoe.

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